



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
March 6, 2015

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ The staff sends their condolences to President Steele and his family on the loss of his mother, Janet Magdiel, earlier this week.
- ✓ This Sunday at 2:00 a.m. be sure to we turn your clocks forward 1 hour as we head into Daylight Savings Time. Be sure to check your batteries in your smoke detectors as well, and enjoy the extra hour of daylight, once you get used to losing that hour of sleep!
- ✓ I attended a meeting on Wednesday with a number of the cities in the County to discuss PG&E's street light to L.E.D. replacement project. There are 684 PG&E owned street lights in Discovery Bay, not including the 8 that are owned by the Town (Zone 8), or those included within the HOA's. The schedule calls for the PG&E lights to be converted in the 2nd Quarter of 2015 (April/May/June). There are 8 street lights that are owned by the Town and we will also have those changed out as well.
- ✓ Dina, Virgil, Greg and I met Thursday to review the FY 2014-15 CIP Program and identify projects to be included in the FY 2015-16 through FY 2019-20 five year forecast period. I'm pleased to report that the \$1.1M deficit for the Bond funded CIP's has been reduced to less than \$450K, pending Board approval. We anticipate bringing the recommendations as a part of the overall Budget review process.
- ✓ We should be getting the initial draft of the new website next week. I'm anxious to see how it's going! I'll keep you posted.
- ✓ The dais for the new Board room is scheduled to be delivered next week. Once that arrives, we'll get the electronics and sound tested, and then schedule our first Board meeting at that location, likely in April.

- ✓ The California Department of Boating and Waterways began herbicide applications for Hyacinth on March 4th, and will cover all the bays in Discovery Bay. DBW will begin treating the Densa and Curly weed on Monday March 9th in all west bays off Kellogg Creek/Indian Slough. DBW will working in Discovery Bay every week for the next 12 weeks to treat each bay multiple times from Kellogg Creek all the way to Cove Ct. Treatment usually takes six weeks or so to take effect. Now that a five year permit is in place they will start treatment in March instead of May and June as has been the case in the past.

Water and Wastewater Service

- ✓ There's not much new this week, as the "Big Ditch" project continues. Greg gave a pretty good update to the Board on Wednesday evening.

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ After one full month of the transition to maintaining the entire town (from a landscape perspective), so far, so good. The staff believes that they are more efficient (as anticipated) and productive than the prior contract for service. While we are only in the beginning phases of this transition, I'm pleased that it is moving smoothly and without any major setbacks.
- ✓ Last night (Thursday) the River Otter's kicked off their season with the Team Parent Meeting at the Community Center. I understand it went well and that the Community Center was standing room only! Practices begin in 3 weeks!
- ✓ Dog park activity will ramp up again next week as our crews move in to get the site prepared for fencing, installation of the water station, and bench's.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.